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LOST,

From the neighbourhood of Cranston, Mid-Lothian,

AN OLD POINTER BITCH, liver-coloured and white, in low condition, and answers to the name of COUNTESS. —— Whoever will bring her to John Torrance in Path-head, near Cranston aforesaid, shall receive Half-a-Guinea Reward.

HIGHLAND MUSIC AND POETRY.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the annual Competition for the Prizes bestowed by the Honourable the Highland Society of London, on the best performers, in the ancient Martial Music of Caledonia, will be held, as usual, in Falkirk, at the time of the Tryst in October next: And it is requested of the Noblemen and Gentlemen who patronize the performers on the Bag-pipe, to cause them attend.

The Highland Society of London likewise offer Prizes for the best, and next best Poetical Compositions in Gaelic, on the Restitution of the Highland Dress, and of the Estates of the Forfeited Highland Chieftains. The compositions to be indorsed with the real name and residence of the author, or with an assumed name, or other private mark, and to be transmitted by post "To the Secretary, "of the Highland Society, at the Shakespeare, Covent Garden, London," any time before the first of January 1785.

TO THE FACULTY.

A SURGEON, who has been regularly bred to Physic, Surgery, and Midwifery, wishes to engage as assistant to an old practitioner, or others established in business,

The author of this advertisement will take the burden and fatigues off his hands. None need apply but such as will give a genteel premium.—Can be well recommended. Letters, post paid, directed to A. B. to the care of Mr Brown grocer and perfumer, No. 6. St Andrew's Street, New Town, Edinburgh, will be immediately answered.

N. B. Has been many years in practice.

TAR AND IRON.

JUST imported from Stockholm, a quantity of THICK TAR fit for smearing sheep.—Also, a good assortment of SWEDISH IRON of the best quality, to be sold at the lowest prices, by James Anderson and Company, at the Carron Warehouse, Leith.

N. B. They have also for sale, a Cargo of 1½, 2, 2½, and 3 inch PLANKS, of an exceeding good quality.

HAT-TAX.

STAMP-OFFICE, EDINBURGH, SEPTEMBER 25, 1784.

WHEREAS the NEW STAMP DUTIES upon HATS, commence on the *Second of October* next, when the under-mentioned rates are to be paid:

For every Licence to sell Hats by retail within Scotland,	FIVE SHILLINGS.
For every Hat not exceeding the value of Four Shillings,	THREE PENCE.
For ditto above Four Shillings, and not exceeding Seven,	SIX PENCE.
For ditto above Seven Shillings, and not exceeding Twelve,	ONE SHILLING.
For ditto above Twelve Shillings,	TWO SHILLINGS.
Persons selling Hats by retail, without being duly licensed, forfeit for every offence, a penalty of	FIFTY POUNDS.
Every licensed retailer, sellings Hats without having the words, "*Dealer in Hats by Retail*," painted or written over the door of his shop or warehouse, forfeits for each Hat so sold,	FORTY SHILLINGS.
A Stamp Ticket denoting the particular rate of the duty to be paid on each Hat, is to be affixed to the lining in the inside of the crown thereof: And every person (except licensed retailers dealing with each other), who shall *sell, buy*, or *exchange*, any Hat without having such Stamped Ticket affixed as aforesaid, forfeits for every Hat so *sold, bought*, or *exchanged*,	TEN POUNDS.

In pursuance of the above act, notice is hereby given, that all persons residing in the county of Edinburgh, who are required to take out the said Licenses, and to provide themselves with Stamped Tickets for denoting the duties on the said Hats respectively, may apply for the same at this office.

And all dealers in Hats in other parts of Scotland, may apply to the respective Distributors of Stamps in the different counties, who are duly authorised for the like purposes.

ALEX. MENZIES,
Collector, North Britain.

DUTY ON HORSES.

STAMP OFFICE, EDIN. SEPT. 27. 1784.

WHEREAS by an act of the last session of Parliament for granting certain Duties on Horses, and on Licences to be taken out by dealers therein, it is enacted, "That all persons within Scotland, who shall keep a horse or horses liable to the said duties herein after mentioned, shall, within *thirty days* after the 29th of September instant, give notice in writing to the distributors of stamps in the different counties, of the number of horses kept and used by them, and of the parish or place where they reside; at the same time paying the respective duties imposed by the said act. And in case of taking out a licence, a penalty of *Five Pounds* is forfeited by every person who shall neglect to affix in legible characters, the words, '*Licensed Dealer in horses*,' on a part of the house, gateway, or stable of the party so licenced.——And whenever any person after the expiration of the said limited period, shall *begin* to keep and use horses subject to these duties, notice thereof must be given, and payment of the duty made, within *twenty days* after so beginning to keep and use horses as aforesaid, the same not being in place and stead of others for which the duty had been before paid."

In pursuance of the above act, notice is hereby given, that all persons residing within the county of Edinburgh, who are required to pay the said duties, or to take out licences, may apply at this office for that purpose, on Thursday first, the 30th instant, and every subsequent day until the 29th day of October next inclusive.

And all other persons are to apply to the respective distributors of stamps in the different counties within the same period.

The Rates and Duties are as follow:

For every horse, mare, or gelding, kept and used for the purpose of riding, or drawing any carriage, for which a duty of Excise is paid or payable,	TEN SHILLINGS.
For every horse, mare or gelding, entered to start or run for any plate, prize, sum of money, or other thing whatsoever, a *further* sum of,	TWO POUNDS TWO SHILLINGS.
The same to be paid previous to the entering of said horse, &c. for any race, or on refusal or neglect thereof, the owner to forfeit,	TWENTY POUNDS.
For every *Licence* granted to any person exercising the said trade and business of an *Horse Dealer*,	FIVE POUNDS.

EXEMPTIONS.

Horses belonging to non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the cavalry, also horses belonging to *Licenced* Dealers, kept for *sale* in their stables, and not for hire; and all horses likewise let to hire by postmasters for travelling post.

ALEX. MENZIES, Collector,
North-Britain.

THE CLASSES of the GRAMMAR SCHOOL of the Canongate, met on Monday 27th September. On the first of October, Mr INGLIS will begin a Class for the Rudiments of the Latin Language. Boys who have made some progress in Latin may be received into any of the higher Classes.——The classing of boys according to their genius and capacity is of so much consequence, that without attending to it, a great many boys of considerable abilities must be altogether lost. This is an advantage peculiar to a school constituted in the manner of the Grammar School of the Canongate. When it appears that a boy can execute a greater and more difficult task than his class-fellows, he is immediately promoted to a higher form. This revives the sinking spirits of the slow, and gives additional vigour to the quick. To enlarge the mind and improve the taste, in the Fifth Class, the beauties of the classical authors are pointed out, and the fine passages of the Poets are exhibited in Poetical English. Classical Geography is taught, and the Antiquities are illustrated as they occur.

CULROSS COLLIERY.

AS reports have been spread, that the working of this COLLIERY was discontinued, these are to inform the public and others that they may be supplied as usual with COAL and ALE, at the following prices:

Great Coal, per ton,	4 s. 6 d.
Chow Coal, per ditto,	4 s.
Culm, per ditto,	3 s.
Salt, per bushel,	1 s. 4 d.

The usual credit is given; and, as there is a considerable stock of Coal and Salt on hand, dispatch in loading may be depended on.

NOTICE

To the Creditors of Mr DUNCAN MACMILLAN writer in Edinburgh.

THE Trustee intending to make an interim division amongst the creditors, of the funds already recovered, the creditors are requested forthwith to lodge with Anthony Barclay writer to the signet, Paterson's Court, Edinburgh, their grounds of debt, and depositions on the verity thereof; and such as do not produce the same on or before the 15th day of November next, will be excluded from any share in the present dividend.

NOTICE

To the Creditors of PATRICK and JAMES BROWN, Merchants in Portsoy, under the firm of PATRICK BROWN and SON.

AT a meeting of the said Patrick and James Brown's creditors, held in the house of George Smith, vintner in Aberdeen, the 21st day of September current, in obedience to an interlocutor, by the Right Hon. the Lord Hailes, officiating as Ordinary on the bills, sequestrating the whole real and personal estates of the said Patrick Brown and James Brown, either as individuals, or as carrying on business under the firm of Patrick Brown and Son; the creditors made choice of John Marshall, advocate in Aberdeen, as interim-factor on the said sequestrated estates, and appointed another meeting of the creditors, to be held in the house of the said George Smith, on Wednesday the 27th of October next, at twelve o'clock mid-day, for the purpose of chusing a trustee or trustees, for managing the said sequestrated estates, in terms of the act of Parliament; of which meeting this notification is given to all concerned.

The interim factor, in terms of law, applied to the Sheriff-depute of Banff-shire, to appoint a day in each of the four succeeding weeks, for examination of the said Patrick and James Brown, bankrupts, or others concerned in their transactions.—The Sheriff has accordingly appointed Saturday the 2d, Monday the 4th, Saturday the 16th, and Monday the 18th days of October next, within the ordinary Sheriff-court house of Banff, at twelve o'clock noon, for the four diets of examination of the said bankrupts and others; of which appointment, the factor gives this notice, and requires the whole creditors of the said Patrick and James Brown, or such of them as chuse to attend, to be present at the said diets of examination, in order that they may have an opportunity of putting such questions as they may see proper, to the said bankrupts or others concerned in their transactions.

House and Shop in Leith to be Sold.

To be SOLD by public roup or auction, within the premises, upon Friday the 1st of October next, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon,

ALL and Whole that DWELLING-HOUSE and well-frequented FORE SHOP, consisting of two fire rooms besides the shop, possessed by John Veitch grocer, lying at the head of the Tolbooth Wynd, and forming the corner betwixt that street and the Kirkgate of Leith.

This property has been for upwards of twenty years possessed by Mr Veitch, who has carried on the grocery business to some extent. Its situation for business renders it very valuable to a merchant, and at a small expence it may be made a very commodious warehouse.

The conditions of sale and progress of writs will be shown by James Johnston writer, Niddry's Wynd, Edinburgh.

FAIRNALIE.

TO be LET for such a number of years as can be agreed upon, and entered to at Martinmas next,

The HOUSE and GARDEN of FAIRNALIE, together with the Farm in the natural possession of the late Mr Rutherford, which contains pasture and corn land sufficient for a family residing there.

The situation of Fairnalie is remarkably pleasant, on the banks of Tweed, thirty-one miles from Edinburgh, upon the great road to Carlisle, and five from Selkirk, dry and healthy, and in the neighbourhood of excellent fowling and fishing.

For particulars, application may be made to Mr John Lang, Sheriff-clerk of Selkirkshire, who will show the premisses; or to Mr Samuel Mitchelson, clerk to the signet, Carrubber's close, Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD, by auction, within the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, on Wednesday the 13th day of October 1784, at five o'clock afternoon,

The TACK or LEASE of Two Parks of the estate of DEAN,

which will expire with crop 1812.

One of these parks, measuring 21 acres, 13 falls, lies on the north side of the cross-road from Deanhaugh into the Queensferry road; and the other measuring 12 acres 1 rood and 29 falls, on the south side of that cross road bounded by the stream of the Water of Leith; both presently in the occupation of the representatives of Mr John Paxton.

The ground is of excellent quality, completely and substantially inclosed, and there are a barn yard, barn, stables, and three cott houses, let with the premisses.

From the vicinity of the city of Edinburgh, and new buildings, these inclosures must be a desirable object in many respects, and rarely in market.

The conditions of sale are in the hands of James Tait writer in Edinburgh, who will treat by private bargain.

LANDS in Argyleshire to LET.

TO be LET and entered to at Whitsunday next, the following Farms, part of the Estate of Lochbuy, viz. FISNISH and half of BALEMENOCH, with the Change-house, Ferry, and Croft of Balemenoch, Corrynaheuichy, Mill thereof, Letter, Pennygown, Callachely, Bradaldue and Liddery, Killhez, Coeachy, Roile, Derrinacuilen, Tomslea, Bradilaltuch, Corriegairin, Rossel, with Change-house thereof, Kenlochspelve, Barnichandromam, Garmonioch, Grogan and Iridill, Grasuig of Benad, Tapul, Calimoce, Scubul, Tirouran, Knockroy, Shiconel, Camis and Mill thereof.

For further particulars, application may be made to Captain Murdoch M'Laine and John M'Laine, factor upon the estate, at the house of Moy in Mull, or to Allan M'Dougall, writer to the signet, Edinburgh, to any of whom written proposals may be given in.

NEW BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS,

FOR THE USE OF
SUBSCRIBERS *to the* EDINBURGH CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

BERGMAN's physical and chemical essays, translated by E. Cullen, vol. ii.
Duncombe's select works of the Emperor Julian, 2 vols.
D'Obsonville's philosophical essays on the manners of foreign animals.
Essay on medals.
History of Ayder Ali Khan, Nabob Bahader.
Transactions of the society for the encouragement of arts.
Report from the select committee on Indian affairs (June 22, 1784).
Short state of the present situation of the India Company.
Knox's view of the British empire.
Chalmers' opinions on interesting subjects of public law and policy, &c.
Investigation of the native rights of British subjects.
Drewe's military sketches.
Florida letters to Edward Gibbon, Esq. 4to.
Lady Craven's letters to her son.
Foxe's martyrs, or a new book of the sufferings of the faithful.
Dr Roberts' poetical attempts.
Three poems, by Percival Stockdale.
Letters to a young nobleman on government.
The Intrepid Magazine, No. I.
The Noble Peasant, a comic opera, by Holcroft.
The Bastard, a novel, in a series of letters, 2 vols.

Of J. SIBBALD may be had, just published,
The Last Interview between Charlotte and Werter.
Engraved by a Pupil of Bartolozzi, from a painting of Northcote,
7s. 6d. plain, and 15 s. colours.
A great variety of other NEW PRINTS, at the London prices.

COUNTY OF PERTH.

SEPTEMBER, 27. 1784.

AS several Gentlemen have signified to me their opinion, that some parts of the late Act relative to the Distillers, merit the most serious attention of the Landholders of this county; and as I understand that some Resolutions on that subject will be laid before the General Meeting on the 5th of October next, I think it my duty to request the attendance of the Heritors on that day, that whatever steps are taken may have the sanction of a numerous Meeting.

WILL. MERCER, Convener.

SALE of the LANDS of LEITH-HALL, &c.

To be SOLD by Private Bargain,

THE whole property belonging to Lieutenant Colonel Leith of Leith-hall, holding mostly of the Crown, and all lying in that district of Aberdeenshire called THE GARIOCH, whereof the present free rent, at a moderate conversion of a great variety of customs, is 996l. 13s. 11d. 7-12ths Sterling, and 618 bolls, 2 firlots, 2 pecks of meal as 8 stone, exclusive of the land-tax, which is paid by the tenants.

The estate comprehends, I. The lands and baronies of Leith-hall, Leslie, Christ-kirk, and others, all lying contiguous within the parishes of Keig, Kenethmont, Lesly, and Premnay, the patronage of which three last belongs to Colonel Leith, and will be sold with the lands.—The rent of this lot is 772l. 6s. 3d. 3-12ths Sterling of money, and 557 bolls 3 firlots of meal. But as it is very extensive, and in general has a great command of water, and within about four miles of lime, there is no doubt, that, by the introduction of a proper system of farming, the rent, with little expence to the proprietor, may in a few years be very considerably improved, and rendered permanent and solid; the country being equally calculated for raising grain or cattle, and the town and port of Aberdeen affording a ready market for every production. The mains of Leith-hall is substantially inclosed, upon which there is a considerable value of planting fit for sale, besides a great extent of thriving young wood. In the above rent, this farm is only reckoned at 100l. Sterling, and 36 bolls of meal; but it was lately set at 143l. Sterling, upon a lease for five years, voidable in the event of a sale.

II. The lands of Insch and Nether Boddam, lying within the parish of Insch, whereof the yearly free rent is 168l. 4s. 5d. Sterling of money, and 60 bolls 3 firlots 3 pecks of meal.

III. The lands of Black-hall and Crofthead, lying within the parish of Inverury, whereof the yearly free rent is 36l. 3s. 5d. 3-12ths Sterling.

These two last lots lie at some distance from the bulk of the estate, and are extensive, and capable of considerable improvement. There is a large thriving village, with a good weekly market at Insch; and the fields around it are remarkably rich and beautiful.

The estate will be sold either altogether, or in the above lots; and persons intending to purchase may apply for further particulars to Mr Moir of Scotstown, and Dr Thom, Colonel Leith's trustees, at Aberdeen; Andrew Stewart junior, writer to the signet, Edinburgh; or Alexander Stuart at Lesly-house, the factor, by whom the lands will be shown.

SALE OF LANDS IN KIRKCUDBRIGHT, And NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the George Inn, Dumfries, upon Wednesday the 6th day of October next 1784, between the hours of one and two afternoon, The LANDS aftermentioned belonging to Robert Rae writer in Kirkcudbright, either together or in the lots following.

LOT I. The Lands of PIBBLE, lying in the parish of Kirkmabreck, and stewartry of Kirkcudbright. These lands are set at 52l. 10s. 6d. upon a tack for nineteen years from Whitsunday 1779. They consist of above 720 acres, partly arable and meadow, and partly muir-ground. They lie within two miles of Perrytown, where plenty of shells are to be had. Part of them is already shelled, and the whole well inclosed, and subdivided. Upset price 900l.

LOT II. The Seller's Liferent Superiority of the Lands of CHAPELTOWN, lying in the stewartry of Kirkcudbright. Upset price 20l.

The articles of roup are to be seen in the hands of Mr William Keith accomptant, or John Tait, junior, writer to the signet, Prince's Street, Edinburgh; to either of whom, or to John Thomson writer in Kirkcudbright, persons desirous of farther information may apply.

*** Mr Keith, as trustee for Mr Rae and his creditors, having sold part of Mr Rae's lands, the price of which is payable at Martinmas next, proposes, at that term, to make a dividend among the creditors of the price of the lands sold, and such other funds as shall by that time be made effectual; and therefore, he desires, that the whole creditors will immediately lodge their grounds of debt, with oaths on the verity thereof, either in the hands of him, the trustee, or of Mr Tait. Such of the creditors as have not already done it, are requested immediately to sign the deed of accession, or to give authority to their doers to sign it for them. The principal deed is in the hands of Mr Tait, and a copy thereof in the hands of Mr Thomson at Kirkcudbright.

FOR GRANADA, the Ship ALBION, John M'Millan master.

For ST KITTS (to call at Antigua, if encouraging freight offers) the New Brigantine HOPE, John Barbour master.

For ST VINCENT, the New Brigantine KINGSTON, John Tarbet master.

For TORTOLA, (to call at Cork,) the New Brigantine FORTUNE, Archibald Bogg master.

All these vessels will have good accommodations for passengers, and will be clear to sail from Greenock about the 20th of October.

For freight or passage apply to Alexander Houston and Company in Glasgow, or to Malcolm Ritchie and Leitch, Greenock.

From the LONDON GAZETTE, *Sept.* 25.

St James's, Sept. 25.

WEDNESDAY last being the Anniverſary of their Majeſties coronation, there was a numerous and ſplendid appearance at Court of the nobility, foreign miniſters, and other perſons of diſtinction, to compliment their Majeſties on the occaſion. At one o'clock the guns in the park and at the tower were fired; and in the evening there were illuminations, and other public demonſtrations of joy.

IN purſuance of the directions of an act paſſed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of his preſent Majeſty King George the Third, intitled, "An act to repeal ſo much of "two acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign "of his preſent Majeſty, as authoriſes the Speaker of the "Houſe of Commons to iſſue his warrant to the clerk of the "crown for making out writs for the election of members to "ſerve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned; and "for ſubſtituting other proviſions for the like purpoſes;" I do hereby give notice, that the death of Sir Charlton Leighton, Baronet, late member of Parliament for the borough of Shrewſbury, in the county of Salop, hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two members of Parliament: And that I ſhall iſſue my warrant to the clerk of the Crown to make out a new writ for the electing of a burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent Parliament for the ſaid borough of Shrewſbury, in the room of the ſaid Sir Charlton Leighton, Baronet, deceaſed, at the end of fourteen days after the inſertion of this notice in the Gazette. Dated the twenty-ſecond day of September, One thouſand ſeven hundred and eighty-four.

W. CORNWALL, Speaker.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, *Sept.* 24.

The Mars, Burner, from Jamaica, is arrived at Philadelphia with damage, having been on ſhore upon the Collerades, and obliged to throw a great part of her cargo overboard before ſhe could be got off.

The General Elliot, Le Reuz, from Guernſey to Amſterdam, is put into Cowes with the loſs of her maſt.

From the London Papers, Sept. 25.

LONDON.

Some diſpatches of conſequence were received yeſterday, both from Ireland, and the Continent; in conſequence of which no fewer than three expreſſes were ſent off to Mr Pitt, at Brighthelmſtone.

This morning ſome diſpatches were received from General Eliott, at Gibraltar, brought over in the Union cutter, which is arrived off Dover: They are dated the 8th curt. when the General was in good health, and had diſpatched the German troops to England in the tranſports which arrived there from Ireland with proviſions.

Orders were yeſterday diſpatched from the Secretary of State's office, for the tranſports arrived in the Downs with the Hanoverian troops, from Gibraltar to proceed immediately to the Elbe.

The garriſon of Gibraltar is now completely exchanged; the tranſports lately arrived in the Downs have brought home the two Hanoverian battalions, which are the laſt foreign troops to be diſcharged from the ſervice of this country. The garriſon is now wholly compoſed of regiments on the Britiſh eſtabliſhment, amounting in the whole to 6400 men, including officers and the corps of artillery, which laſt are, by the advice of General Sir George Auguſtus Eliott, the Governor, increaſed to 1200 effective men, divided into two battalions of 600 men each, including the officers, bombardiers, &c.

Yeſterday Mr Lunardi was at the levee at St James's, his Majeſty has given him a commiſſion in the army.

We are aſſured that a Great Perſonage lately ordered a ſett of the ſplendid edition of Captain Cook's laſt voyage, with one of the firſt impreſſions of the plates, to be preſented to Dr Benjamin Franklin, as a token of his eſteem for his great abilities; a circumſtance, which, whilſt it confers ſingular honour on the receiver, places the diſpoſition of the donor in the moſt amiable point of view.

Letters from Paris, dated Sept. 18, ſay, that the learned Dr Franklin, full of years and glory, has obtained permiſſion to retire from his public employment; and that he was preparing to pay a viſit to his literary friends in this kingdom. As he firſt introduced himſelf to the notice of mankind by philoſophy, ſo with philoſophy he intends to cloſe the ſerene evening of an active and important life.

Accounts have within theſe few weeks been tranſmitted from Martinico to Paris, mentioning that M. de Calin, an eminent planter on that iſland, had cultivated the tea tree with great ſucceſs.

Letters from Ipſwich mention, that Mr Tooſey, of Stonham-Aſpal, the celebrated gentleman farmer, in that part of Suffolk, has been inducted into the office of Miniſter of the Eſtabliſhed Church, and will ſpeedily emigrate to America.

This ingenious huſbandman means to tranſmit his cattle, his implements, and his knowledge, to the deſerts of the new world. It muſt be allowed it is for his perſonal advantage; but every Engliſhman muſt regret that any circumſtance ſhould deprive this kingdom of a gentleman, whoſe inclination has taken a decided part in favour of agriculture.—Every man who ſteps beyond the ſkill of his neighbours ſhould receive encouragement at *home*, and proper means ſhould not be omitted to call his talents into their fulleſt exertion for the benefit, not of himſelf only, but his country.

From Thurcaſton, and from Derby, we have the ſatisfaction to hear, that they have conſiderably improved on a machine of French conſtruction, for furniſhing a beautiful lace for caps, aprons, and handkerchiefs, as well as a variety of figured articles for waiſtcoats. Induſtry and ingenuity diſtinguiſh the above towns. It was from Thurcaſton that Edward VI. was preſented with a pair of ſilk ſtockings, at the time he received a pair from Spain by the hands of Sir Thomas Greſham, and the firſt he ever wore.

It has been found, from experience, that the act of Parliament, introduced by a noble Lord, from the moſt humane and diſintereſted motives, for preventing vexatious arreſts for ſums under 10 l. has, in its conſequences, multiplied actions in the ſuperior courts, where the coſts of ſuit are oppreſſive and enormous.

The following outlines of a plan for the more ſpeedy recovery of ſmall debts, and the relief of oppreſſed indigence, we are informed, were drawn up by a very diſtinguiſhed character in the law department, and are now under the conſideration of the Miniſtry:

It is propoſed to have a court inſtituted in every county, to be held once a-month, which ſhall have power to iſſue proceſſes for and above the ſum of 5 l. up to 10 l.—The Court to be empowered, when execution iſſues, to levy upon the effects, or commit the defendant to the county goal, to be impriſoned for a debt from 5 l. to 7 l. a ſpace of three months—from 7 l. to 10 l. four months (the term of impriſonment is intended to be regulated by the price of labour.) At the expiration of the period, the debtor to ſurrender his effects (bedding and working-tools to a moderate amount excepted) upon oath. The priſoner is not to have it in his power to bring an *Habeas*, or to remove himſelf to any other goal. If the defendant ſhould have no effects, or his property ſhould be inſufficient to ſatisfy the whole of the plaintiff's demand, the latter to retain a claim upon the former's future effects to the amount of debt and coſts, or ſuch balance as might be due to him upon record.

This plan would probably operate rather ſeverely at firſt; but as credit, in conſequence, would become more circumſcribed (among that claſs of people where it ought to be ſo) theſe regulations, it is imagined by thoſe who ought to know, would act as a ſpur to induſtry, and prevent many unfortunate perſons from miſeries of a goal.

The late Biſhop of Clogher wrote a very ingenious treatiſe upon the mode neceſſary to be adopted for the improvement of the trade of Ireland; it was never publiſhed; but after the Biſhop's death found among his papers by his executor, who ſent it to the library belonging to Trinity College. A copy has lately been obtained by Sir Edward Newenham and Mr Gardiner, and ſome of the Biſhop's ideas are now under the conſideration of a committee of merchants, and others acquainted with commerce, for the purpoſe of digeſting ſome plan for the conſideration of Parliament. A gentleman who has read the manuſcript ſays, that the Biſhop had obtained the beſt information that could be got, and it appeared that the cuſtoms paid at the port of Cork only at that period exceeded ſixty thouſand pounds a-year: the ſame gentleman aſſerts, that the cuſtoms payable at this moment, or at any period ſince the peace, has not amounted to more than half that ſum. The leading members in the Iriſh Houſe of Commons are determined to uſe every means that can be deviſed, to put a ſtop to the emigrations from their country.

The Spaniards are building two ſhips of war at Ferrol, to carry each 90 guns on three decks; of which thoſe on the lower battery are to be 32 pounders; and ſeveral of their old ſhips are to be broke up, particularly three which were ſent before Algiers. They are alſo building ſeveral ſloops, carrying from 18 to eight guns, and a few bomb-veſſels.

The ſhips which the French are building, are chiefly ſecond and third rates; and ſome, which have been lately launched, carry their ſails extremely well, and labour very little at ſea, as a correſpondent is informed by maſters of veſſels who have obſerved them. The keel juſt laid of a 90 gun ſhip at Breſt, is 244 feet in length; much about the length of the Engliſh Barfleur; and they are building there ſome frigates, mounting from 28 to 38 guns.

The firſt knowledge of fabricating ſtuffs in this kingdom was obtained from Flanders in the year 1306, in conſequence of ſome fugitive Flemings, who came over and ſettled in England to avoid the perſecutions they ſuffered in their own country. The ſtory is briefly as follows: The manufacture of ſtuff was invented by a citizen of Ypres, who brought it to ſuch perfection, that Baldwin Earl of Flanders, eſtabliſhed annual fairs for the diſpoſal of thoſe goods in the towns of the Low-Countries, with a total exemption from all duties or impoſts whatſoever. This commerce encreaſed gradually for three centuries, when the eſtabliſhment of public companies being invented, under a pretence of examining the goodneſs of the merchandize, an attempt was made to confine the manufactures to the cities. This conſtraint, ſo hurtful to commerce, produced the effect of driving the manufacturers to the villages; in order to remedy which the Earl of Flanders laid ſuch high impoſts, as ſoon cauſed a revolution in the ſtate of commerce; ſeveral commotions and inſurrections of the people took place; at Ghent the ſheriffs of the city and two hundred of the principal inhabitants were killed; and a commotion happened afterwards at Bruges, where ſeven thouſand perſons were killed in different contеſts. The government ſtill perſiſting in their fooliſh deſign, even after the whole ſenate of Ypres had been maſſacred by the mob, the manufacturers emigrated to England, where they commenced their buſineſs to the total ruin of the Flemings.

Letters from Vienna ſtate, that the Comte de Haga (his Royal Highneſs the Biſhop of Oſnaburgh) is the conſtant attendant of the Emperor in all his military excurſions; his Imperial Majeſty takes the greateſt pleaſure in ſhewing him his armies, and making them paſs in review before his Royal Highneſs, who ſeems to take much delight in military pomp. Except in the field, the Emperor obſerves as ſtrict an incognito as his royal fellow-traveller. The letters add, that on review days (and there are at leaſt three of them every week) they are both on horſeback at break of day.

According to letters received yeſterday from Bruſſels, they were hourly in expectation of ſeeing matters between Auſtria and the States General of the United Provinces brought to a criſis. Two Imperial ſhips from Oſtend were daily expected to enter the Scheldt on their way to Antwerp. The Emperor has upwards of 35,000 troops in Flanders, who, upon news of an obſtruction or inſult being given to the Imperial flag, are to march into the Dutch territories and take poſſeſſion of ſuch places as are not in a condition to oppoſe them. The Prince of Liege, who is a Colonel in the Emperor's ſervice, remains at Bruges, where he has been to review the ten regiments (two of which are huſſars) lying there, ready to give ſuch orders for the marching of the forces as may be neceſſary. At Sluyce, which is the ſea-port of Bruges, there are 4000 ſoldiers, who are employed in levelling the fortifications, but they are daily exerciſed and accoutred in ſuch a manner as evinces that they expect ſoon to be called into another kind of buſineſs. From theſe preparations it is no difficult matter to perceive, that the Dutch dominions may be over-run by the Imperial forces, before any power with whom they are in alliance can have determined to come to their aſſiſtance.

Among the papers of the late Mr Brogden, of Abbot's Bromley, in Staffordſhire, was found the following narrative: Laſt ſpring was twelvemonth I put a grain of barley in the earth, in a garden well dunged, which ſhot forth a tuft of ſeveral ſtalks, which I ſeparated and tranſplanted ſingly, and they producing new ſhoots, I multiplied them as before, and in little more than 18 months, the produce of a ſingle grain was above 18,000 ears.

The American fiſhery has been exceedingly productive, and particularly the whale fiſhery, which has been more profitable than for two preceding ſeaſons. Neither the Swedes, Danes, Hamburghers, or French have equalled them. And their divers in the Mediterranean have been ſucceſsful beyond all precedent.

Two gentlemen of the corps of engineers are ſpeedily to embark for the Grenades, in order to make a ſurvey of the harbours, creeks, &c. on both ſides of that extenſive iſland, which, it is ſaid, with a ſmall expence, may be made ſuperior, with reſpect to ſtrength and convenience, to the havens in any other parts of the Weſt Indies.

The ſtate of the Weſtminſter ſcrutiny on Thurſday ſtood, 40 bad, 8 good, 4 reſerved.

The following correct liſt of the number of votes, and the number of perſons who polled upon the late election for Weſtminſter, was handed about yeſterday in St Martin's Veſtry-room:

	Hood	Wray	Fox	Number of inhabitants polled.
St Margaret and St John	1218	1137	1184	2338
St George -	1097	967	1345	2325
St James -	1279	1135	1258	2373
St Martin -	1294	1142	1133	2268
St Clement and St Mary	909	815	650	1469
St Paul and St Martin-le Grand	320	257	319	575
St Ann -	577	545	364	906
	6694	5998	6233	
	5998			
	6233			

Total number of votes 18925 given by 12254 voters.

At a numerous meeting of Mr Fox's friends, electors of Weſtminſter, on Wedneſday laſt, held at the Mecklenburgh Tavern, Charing-Croſs, Mr Sheridan was called to the chair, and gave the following patriotic ſentiment: "May the light of every Engliſhman's caſtle not long remain darkened by India window blinds."

The Dutch have juſt concluded a treaty of perpetual amity with the Court of Liſbon, by means of which they have guarantied for ever their poſſeſſions in the Eaſt Indies.

The following ſhips were yeſterday taken up for the Eaſt Indies:—

Houghton, James Munro, for Madeira, Coaſt and China.
Oſterley, Samuel Rogers, for ditto.
Raymond, John Cotton, for St Helena and Bencoolen.
Britannia, Edward Cumming, for Coaſt and China.
Eſſex, John Strover, for ditto.
Winterton, Raymond Snow, for ditto.
General Coote, Thomas Compton, for St Helena and China.
Montagu, Thomas Brettel, for Madeira, Coaſt and Bay.
———, William Smith, for ditto.
Francis, Henry Grueber, for Coaſt and Bay.
Locko, John Baird, for China.
Aſia, Robert Maw, for Bencoolen and China.
———, Jonathan Court, for Bombay and Bengal.
Rodney, Henry Wakeman, for Coaſt and Bay.
Deptford, James Elkington, for ditto.
Dutton, James Weſt, for ditto.
———, William Elphinſtone, for Madeira and Bombay.
Northumberland, James Rees, for Bombay.

We have the pleaſure to preſent our readers with a ſtatement of the late tea buſineſs in the India Houſe, which has made ſo much noiſe, more correct than any that has hitherto tranſpired. *Gen. Even. Poſt.*

The firſt day of the tea ſale Mr Pitt, alarmed at the high price it was going off at, came himſelf next day to the India Houſe, and being well informed that this unexpected event proceeded from people connected in the contraband trade, and being ſuppoſed the principal holders of the immenſe quantities of teas now lying at Oſtend, which they expected to introduce into this country with conſiderable profit to themſelves, while they kept up the prices of teas in this country to ſuch an enormous height; after conſulting with the Directors, it was agreed by the Company and Treaſury, that the trade would be allowed to return the teas they had bought that day at prime coſt, which they gladly accepted, upon an aſſurance from Mr Pitt, that, early in November, the Directors would make a declaration of all the teas it was poſſible for them to get ready, and bring them to market; and if that had not the deſired effect, he ſhould apply to Parliament for leave to the Eaſt India Company to import teas from any quarter of the world they pleaſed, by which he hoped teas in this country would be ſold as low as in any other place whatever; for in Holland ſinglo, or common green tea, ſells from one ſhilling and eleven-pence to two and ten-pence; whereas in England the prices at the laſt ſale for that kind were from three and four pence to ſix and eight pence, excluſive of the duty of twelve and a half per cent. So that the conſumer will not, upon an average, ſave by the commutation tax half a crown or three ſhillings a pound.

Would Parliament permit the India Company to import teas from every quarter, they might, by application to foreign Companies, ſupply this country on terms equal with others.

In conſequence of the declaration by Mr Pitt, the next day the teas fell about 15 per cent.

Yeſterday there was an elegant dinner given at the London Tavern by the tea-dealers to the Committee who had the management of their affairs.

The people of England will be enabled to make a proper eſtimate of their obligations to the Eaſt India trade, from attending to the following comparative ſtatement of the price of teas abroad and at home:

Teas in Holland.

		s.	d.	s.	d.
Bohea	—	1			
Singlo or common green		1	11	a 2	2 10
Hyſon	—	2	7	a 3	6

In England.

Bohea	—	3	6		
Singlo	—	3	4	a 6	
Hyſon	—	6	6	a 8	

PRICE OF TEAS.

The tranſactions at the India Houſe within the laſt week, ſays a correſpondent, have now fully evinced by actual experience the inefficacy of Mr Pitt's leading meaſure for the ſuppreſſion of ſmuggling. The commutation-tax is not only arbitrary, unjuſt, and oppreſſive, but it has been alſo found inadequate to its intended object. If the tea-ſale had proceeded on the ſame terms, which have ſo unexpectedly diſtinguiſhed its commencement, the ſmuggler, as Mr Twining confeſſed, would ſtill come to the market with as great advantages as ever.

It is to no purpoſe for the partizans of the Miniſter to deprecate too haſty a judgment from ſo ſhort a trial. It is vain to repreſent, that on the firſt days of the ſale the prices of tea

artificially kept up by a combination of designing and interested men. Grant the fact to be so: Is that combination to last? It is not; and if it were, it would yet remain to be proved, that similar practices hereafter either will not be attempted, or cannot succeed; otherwise it matters not what may be the event, if the public are equally sufferers by *the effect*: It is some consolation to know the nature of an evil, if we feel at the same time, that it admits of no cure.

Every step was taken that immediately suggested itself, as likely to break the supposed combination. The Directors consulted; the Committee of dealers deliberated, and their Chairman obtained an interview with the Minister. Resolutions have been published, and cautions given. Indeed, both the company and the trade seem, in this instance, to have acted with good faith and strict honour to Government and the people.

Yet all their endeavours have been baffled. The combination hitherto has completely triumphed; and it must every day gain new strength from the support of those brokers and dealers, who, thinking only for themselves, and unbiassed by the sinister motives, have either been compelled by necessity, or induced by imprudence to purchase a part of the teas already sold, at the present prices. It is the manifest interest of these men to use every exertion in their power, that others may not be supplied on more advantageous terms than themselves.

One measure, however, remains, which, in the opinion of Mr Twining, cannot fail of answering the public expectation. And what is this infallible remedy? It is a mystery not to be revealed. The secret, however, may be not quite impenetrable. It is probably no other, than that in addition to the extraordinary quantity in the present sale, the Company should bring the teas now selling on the Continent under prime cost, and at their second sale glut the market, and reduce the prices by this unexpected profusion.

It is true, indeed, that on the first alarm occasioned by our late regulations on the duties on teas, some of the foreign Companies immediately offered the Company their whole stock at a considerable loss; but this offer was then rejected by the Directors. Did they afterwards empower Mr T——, in his late expedition to Holland, to enter into any decisive contract of this kind? Or does the Chairman of the Committee conclude, that the despondency of the foreign Companies will still continue, notwithstanding his late assurances in the India-House, that there will be the same temptation, as ever, to this branch of contraband trade. They will now, if they are wise, refuse on their turn what they before voluntarily proposed. The extravagant terms of the present sale at home, will necessarily influence the ensuing sales abroad. The smugglers, secure of the market for one year at least, will push their advantage with double spirit, and give new life to the whole system of illicit commerce. Thus there is every reason to believe, that the great measure, kept so formidably in reserve, which might indeed have been carried into execution with complete effect three months since, will be found wholly impracticable, if it shall be thought expedient to attempt it at any future period.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, Sept 21.

"Yesterday being appointed by the High Sheriffs for the meeting of the Freemen and Freeholders, to take into consideration the expediency of electing five Delegates to represent them in National Congress, to meet the 25th of October, there never was a more numerous meeting, many people having taken places an hour before the time fixed by the Sheriffs.

"Sheriff Kirkpatrick begged he might be heard prior to his taking the chair, as he had a letter to communicate to the meeting, which he and his brother Sheriff thought, for their duty and his, was highly necessary to be made known to them.

"Sheriff Kirkpatrick produced the letter alluded to, which was as follows:

"Gentlemen,

"I have read with very great surprise a formal summons signed by you as High Sheriffs of the city of Dublin, calling upon the freeholders and freemen of your bailiwick to meet on Monday next, for the purpose of electing five persons to represent the city of Dublin in National Congress.

"I must inform you, that in summoning the freeholders and freemen of your bailiwick to meet for such a purpose, you have been guilty of a most outrageous breach of your duty; and if you proceed to hold any such election, you are responsible for it to the laws of your country, and that I shall hold myself bound, as the King's Attorney General, to prosecute you in the Court of King's Bench for your conduct, which I consider to be so highly criminal that I cannot overlook it.

"I am, Gentlemen, your very humble servant,

Ely-Place, Sept. 16. 1784. JOHN FITZGIBBON."

"During the reading of the letter, the Sheriff was repeatedly interrupted with hisses and groans of disapprobation, at the presumption of any Crown officer, as many expressed, to endeavour by threats to deter a meeting called by the Sheriffs, at the requisition of so many respectable citizens. After the letter was read, several of the opposition were presuming to debate to the Sheriffs, when they very spiritedly declared, that they would not be dictated to by any person.

"Sheriff Kirkpatrick said, they would have taken advice how to act on receiving the letter, but that all the lawyers of consequence were out of town, therefore thought, until such advice was procured, it were better to adjourn the business of the meeting; on which the Sheriffs having taken the chair in the Common Hall,

"Mr Tandy said, that the letter read was the most insolent and audacious ever penned by any Court hireling; and that his fellow-citizens should all be acquainted with its contents, he moved, that it should be published in all the papers: This being seconded, was carried unanimously; after which,

"Sir Edward Newenham moved, that the thanks of the meeting be given to the High Sheriffs for their proper conduct this day, which was also carried unanimously."

Extract of a letter from Lisle in Flanders, dated September 18, 1784.

"Messr. Charles and Robert are just arrived at the Prince of Ghistelle's, a villa about three miles from this town. They came from Paris in a vehicle attached to a balloon without once descending to the earth, till they reached the Prince's. As the distance is at least one hundred and thirty miles, it is by far the longest aerial journey that has yet been taken with a balloon, and from the adroitness with which they conducted their vehicle, there is little doubt but this new sort of conveyance may be rendered essentially useful. The two brothers intended mounting again and making an aerial voyage to London, but all their inflammable air was spent, and the expence of re-charging the balloon would be full five hundred pounds, their tour to Great Britain is therefore deferred for the present."

PRICE of STOCKS, Sept. 28.

Bank Stock shut.	India Stock, —
5 per cent. Stock, 88¾ a ⅞.	3 per cent. Ann. shut.
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, shut.	India Bonds paid, —
3 per cent. con. 55¼.	Ditto unpaid, —
3 per cent. red. shut.	Exchequer Bills, —
3 per cent. 1726, —	Navy Bills, —
Long Ann. 16 13-16ths a ⅞.	3 per cent. Scrip. 83¼ a ½.
Short Ann. 1778. —	4 per cent. Scrip. —
South Sea Stock, —	Omnium, —
3 per cent. Old Ann. —	Lottery Tickets, 13 l. 14 s.
Ditto New Ann. 54¾.	Light long Ann. —
Ditto 1751, —	

WIND at DEAL, Sept. 24. S. E.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, Sept. 25.

"The aerial excursion of Lunardi has blunted the public curiosity with regard to balloons. However, Mr Sheldon, with *proper* assistants, and, I may add, *necessary* assistants, is to *go up*, according to the common phrase, on this occasion, in one on Monday next, wind and weather serving.

"You will notice in the London news-papers a good many ingenuous ideas concerning the purposes of utility to which the air balloon, in process of time, may be applied. Among other hints of this kind, it is said, and it has drawn general attention, that the elevation of the balloon may be exceedingly useful in nautical and geographical observations; and particularly, that a great deal of labour would have been saved to Captain Cook, and those who succeeded him, had they known of the invention of the balloon.

"I need not inform you, that our Royal Society is divided into two factions—the *noble* and the *philosophical*. The former party wish to introduce nobody into the Society but men of birth, rank, and fortune, and thereby to erect F. R. S. into a kind of *armorial bearing* for a gentle-*man*. The latter ape, or pretend to be, more devoted to literary and scientific merit. The former, which is by far the most numerous faction, affect to despise the balloon, because it did not originate in England. The minority affirm, indeed, that the principle of the balloon was no novelty to them, but confess, that the French gentlemen who applied it in practice have some degree of merit.

"It is the general opinion, that the Dutch must yield submission to the pretensions of the Emperor. On this subject I do not hear one dissentient voice. Even the vulgar are confident, that two great powers like the Emperor and France will not readily quarrel on account of such a paltry neighbour as Holland at present assuredly is. I know not how it is, but the common sense, the general anticipations of the people are always right. On the strength of this maxim, I venture to predict, and I desire you, my friend, to remember that I did so, that the navigation of the Scheld will be opened with little or no resistance: That the French, in the present moment of their lassitude, will not quarrel with the Emperor; and, farther, that, in process of time, they will agree to plunder the Dutch of their East India settlements.

"The accounts, by private letters from Ireland, are, that the tumultuous disposition of the Dubliners is somewhat abated, and that it has become the tone to profess hearty wishes for a lasting concord with England. All barbarians are fickle in their dispositions!"

On the 19th instant, died at Nairn, in a very advanced age, David Falconer, Esq; late of Greishop, a gentleman of the strictest probity and honour, and of a most benevolent disposition. He lived highly and justly esteemed, and died most sincerely regretted by a numerous circle of the most respectable friends and acquaintances.

This day, agreeable to advertisement, another attempt was made by Mr Tytler, to ascend with his Fire Balloon. An incredible number of spectators attended at all quarters, where there was the least chance of seeing it. But, to their great disappointment, after waiting two hours, during which time every effort was used, in vain, to fill the Balloon, owing to the lightness of the wind, the company were obliged to retire in murmur and discontent. Should any future attempt be made by Mr Tytler in this aerial project, we are persuaded he will never again be so well attended, as the chagrin occasioned by the present failure cannot fail of having disgusted many who were most sanguine in favour of the projector. We are sorry to add, that a young man was much hurt by the breaking of the mast to which the Balloon was fixed.

Sunday se'ennight, a boat from Newburgh, bound for the south country with fish, was overset in a hard gale, and the crew, consisting of three men, were drowned.

The Livingston, Robert Stevenson master, from Leith, arrived at London the 25th instant, all well.

Monday night, or early yesterday morning, a milliner's shop in the New Town was broke into, and muslins, cambricks, silk handkerchiefs, ribbons, &c. to a considerable value carried off. It appears, that a boy had got in at a window at the top of the door, and had then opened the door in the inside, and admitted his accomplices. A lad was yesterday taken up, two pieces of ribbons being found in his custody. He was examined in the Council Chamber, and pretended he got the ribbons from a chapman near Corstorphine yesterday morning. He was committed to the Tolbooth.

This day, another lad was committed to the Tolbooth, by warrant of the Sheriff, suspected of being likewise concerned in the above shop-breaking. He was apprehended at Linlithgow, where a number of the articles taken from the shop were found in his custody. Diligent search is making for the other thieves concerned in this business; and, from the information already obtained, there is little doubt of their being apprehended.

On the 30th of August, the brig Jenny of Glasgow, Robert Muir master, spoke the ship Simon Taylor, William Manson master, from Jamaica, bound to London, long. 46. lat. 42. 15. all well.

Extract of a letter from Aberdeen, Sept. 25.

"The Circuit Court of Justiciary was opened here upon Thursday last the 23d current, by the Right Honourable the Lord Hailes, when the following business came before the Court:—

"Alexander Walker, servant to George Hepburn baker in Aberdeen, accused of murder, was fugitated for not appearing.

"Margaret Black, late servant to Thomas Smith in Mains of Knockhall, accused of child-murder, was, upon her own petition, with consent of his Majesty's Advocate-depute, banished Scotland for life.

"Alexander Robb, and Ann Fraser his spouse, accused of stealing out of a barn, possessed by James Anderson gardener at Tressield, in the parish of Rayne, and shire of Aberdeen, a parcel of shirts and several other articles. The Jury returned a verdict finding them guilty, whereupon they were banished Scotland for seven years, with the usual certifications; and Robb ordained to be publicly whipped through the streets of Aberdeen previous thereto.

"Margaret Irvine, from Stromness, but last from Edinburgh, accused of stealing a man-child from the West Port of Edinburgh, son to Alexander Pride tailor there, and bringing him to Aberdeen, where, after keeping him a year, he was discovered, and restored to his parents. The libel was found relevant to infer the pain of law, and the Jury found the same proven; but, in respect of the pannel's youth, and no marks of violence appearing on the child, they recommended her to mercy; whereupon she was sentenced to be hanged at Aberdeen on the 26th of November next.

"George Philp and John Baillie, accused of resisting and obstructing officers of the revenue in the exercise of their duty; which the Jury having found proved, the pannels were sentenced to six months imprisonment, and thereafter, till they find caution to keep the peace for two years.

"Margaret Grant, from Banff, accused of theft. The diet was deserted against her *pro loco et tempore*, and she was recommitted to prison on a new warrant.

"There being no other business to come before the Court, they will proceed for Perth on Monday next."

ARRIVED at LEITH, Sept. 28. Ellinck, Tripp, from Stockholm with tar and deals; Hanna, Irvine, from Orkney, with kelp, &c. Sophia and Heriot, Lawrie, from Oporto, with wine, &c. Mary, Flanders, from Lewis, with kelp, &c. Elizabeth, Burnridge, from Petersburgh, with grain, &c. Christian and Janet, Carter, from Christiana, with tar, &c. James's, Sommerville, from Carron, with goods; Katharine and Isobel, Lyell, from Perth, with goods; Aurora, Wanberg, from Gefle, with deals, &c. Prudence, Stuart, from Petersburgh with grain, &c. Mally, Sutor, from Peterhead, with goods, &c.—29. Mally, Brodie, from Skye, with kelp, &c. Janet, Maitne, from Hamburgh, with oak and fruit.

On FRIDAY next, the 1st of October, there will be

A BALL at MUSSELBURGH,

In the OLD ASSEMBLY ROOM,

For the Benefit of the POOR.

To begin at Seven o'clock.

Tickets to be had from Robert Smith,—Price 2s. 6d. each.

THE BELTONFORD CLUB is to meet on Monday first, the 4th October, at Fairbairn's, in Haddington. And as there is particular business to do about the Game, it is desired that the Members will meet early, so as the business may be settled before dinner.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Copartnership in the Distillery lately erected in Berwick upon Tweed, and called or known by the name or firm of BRUCE, PROCTOR, GRAHAM, ANCRUM, and LOGAN, is dissolved, so far as respects the right and interest of Robert Ancrum and George Logan, two of the partners therein, in pursuance of certain articles of agreement, bearing date the 31st day of July last past, and made between Robert Logan, Esq; on behalf of the said Robert Ancrum and George Logan, of the one part, and John Proctor the younger, of the other part, for the sale of their respective shares therein, to the said Mr Proctor, one other of the said partners in the said Distillery. Dated this 1st day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four.

ROBERT ANCRUM.
GEORGE LOGAN.

NOTICE

To the Creditors of WILLIAM RHIND, late Coppersmith in Edinburgh, now in Inverness.

AT a general meeting of the creditors, held on the 1st September current, John Fairbairn merchant in Edinburgh, having been chosen trustee for managing said William Rhind's real and personal estate, and his appointment since confirmed by the Court of Session; he hereby, in terms of the statute of the 23d of George the III. cap. 18. requires the whole creditors to lodge with him, their claims and vouchers or grounds of debt, with their oaths of verity thereon, and that on or before the 6th April next, being nine kalendar months from the 6th July last, when a sequestration of the estate of said William Rhind was awarded; certifying, those creditors who shall neglect to comply with this requisition, that they shall not be intitled to any share in the first distribution of the estate of the debtor.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of KENNETH MACKENZIE Merchant in Aberdeen.

Aberdeen Sept. 27. 1784.

JOHN INNES Advocate in Aberdeen, acting trustee upon the sequestrated estate of the said Kenneth Mackenzie, hereby intimates to all concerned, that an account of such of the effects of the said Kenneth Mackenzie as have been converted into cash, and a state of his debts which have been proved and lodged with the Trustees, in terms of the late act of Parliament, together with a scheme of division among the creditors, and a general state of the bankrupt's affairs brought down to this date, are all now prepared, and lie in Mr Innes's hands for the inspection of the creditors or their agents. Mr Innes will be ready to pay the creditors their dividends upon the 10th of December next; and on that day, a general meeting of the creditors is to be held at noon, within the house of Alexander Mason vintner in Aberdeen, to give such orders as may appear necessary for the future management of this estate.

FOR LONDON

THE ENDEAVOUR,

DAVID BOYD Master,

Will sail from Leith Roads on Wednesday the 6th October, wind and weather serving.

Good accommodation for passengers.

For freight or passage, apply to William Marshall, at his house in Leith.

Not to be repeated

FOR LONDON,

THE MARY,

JOHN HAY Master,

Taking in goods at Leith for London, and will sail first favourable opportunity after the 11th October.

Good accommodation for passengers.

The Master to be spoke with at the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, or at his house, in Leith.

AT LONDON——FOR LEITH,

THE LIVINGSTONE,

ROBERT STEVENSON Master,

Lying at Hawley's Wharf, taking in goods for Leith, Edinburgh, and all places adjacent, and will sail the 9th October.

Good accommodation for passengers.

The Master to be be spoke with at the New-England Coffeehouse, Threadneedle street, by the Royal Exchange, at charge hours, or on board the ship.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

JUDICIAL SALE.

TO be SOLD by authority of the Lords of Council and Seſſion, within the Parliament or New Seſſion Houſe of Edinburgh, upon Friday the 26th of November 1784, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon,

The Fifty Shilling Land of LARLANGLEY,

alias MEIKLE LARG, or MABIES LARG, with the teinds and pertinents thereof, lying within the half barony of Urr, pariſh thereof, and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright, the yearly rent whereof, free of all deductions, is proven to be 51l. 13s. and the upſet price is fixed by the Lords at twenty-three years purchaſe of the ſaid free rent, being 1187l. 19s.

The lands hold of the family of Maxwell of Nithſdale for payment of 9s. yearly of feu duty, and there is a complete right to the teinds.

The articles of roup, title-deeds, and a rental of the lands may be ſeen in the hands of Alexander Stevenſon, depute clerk of ſeſſion, or Hugh Corrie, writer to the ſignet.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD within the Coffeehouſe of Dumfries, upon Wedneſday the 6th day of October 1784, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon,

The Five-merk Land of AIRDS of old extent, the Four-merk Land of OVER HAZLEFIELD, the Three-merk Land of NETHER LINKENS, and Lands of BALCARRY; all lying in the pariſh of Rerwick, and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright, and paying the yearly rents after-mentioned, viz.

I. Balcarry, and part of Airds, ſet to Thomas Clark and others, on a tack current for thirty years after Whitſunday 1778, paying of yearly rent, - - - L. 52 10 0

II. Airds, poſſeſſed by William M'Brair without a tack, at - - - - 40 0 0

L. 92 10 0

From which deduct the ſtipend, L. 1 4 0 6-12ths.
And feu and teind duties, 1 6 0 4-12ths.

2 10 0 10-12ths.

There remains of free rent, L. 89 19 11 2-12ths.

The above lands pay ſupply according to a valuation of 140l. Scots, and will be expoſed in two lots, if offerers incline.

III. Nether Linkens, ſet to Patrick Sproat, on a tack for 19 years after Whitſunday 1771, at - - L. 47 14 0

From which deduct the ſtipend, - - L. 1 4 0 6-12ths.
And feu and teind duties, 0 11 5

1 15 5 6-12ths.

Remains of free rent, L. 45 18 6 6-12ths.

The above lands pay ſupply according to a valuation of 60l. Scots.

IV. Over Hazlefield, ſet to John Kirkpatrick, William Graham, John Shenhan, and James M'Naight, on tacks for 19 years after Whitſunday 1778 and 1779, at - - - L. 145 2 8½

Theſe lands are liable to a ſupply according to a valuation of 90l. Scots, and pay no ſtipend to the miniſter. The tenants pay all public burdens.

The lands laſt mentioned riſe to 148l. 2s. 8d. from Whitſunday 1778, and to 154l. 5s. 6d. from Whitſunday 1793l.

The above lands all hold of the Crown. The teinds are valued, and the proprietor has right to a tack thereof from the Deans of the Chapel Royal, current to Martinmas 1790.

The lands are in general of an excellent quality, are well incloſed with ſtone dykes, and lie near the ſea ſhore, from whence lime is eaſily carried to them. The farm houſes are all in good repair, having been built within theſe five years, and are moſtly covered with ſlate.

At the ſame time will be Sold, a HOUSE-STEAD, and GARDEN behind the ſame, in the High-Street of the burgh of Kirkcudbright, lying between the property of Meſſrs. John Buchanan and William Macphinnie, very proper for building upon.

Any perſon wanting to be further informed, or wiſhing to ſee the title-deeds, articles of roup, or tacks, may apply to Hugh Corrie writer to the ſignet, Edinburgh, or Commiſſary Goldie, Dumfries.

Judicial Sale, by Adjournment.

TO be SOLD, by authority of the Lords of Council and Seſſion, within the Parliament or New Seſſion Houſe of Edinburgh, on Tueſday the 23d of November 1784, betwixt the hours of five and ſix afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the Bills,

THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS

Which belonged to Thomas Dall Ruſſell of Balcurvie deceaſed, lying in the ſhire of Fife.

I. The Eighth Part of the Lands of KINGSKETTLE, in the pariſh of Kettle. The rents and feu-duties payable by the vaſſals amount, after all deductions, to 16l. 11s. 0d. 4-12ths yearly; and they are to be ſet up at 413l. 15s. 8d. 4-12ths, being twenty-five years purchaſe.

This lot holds feu of the Crown, and the teinds are valued and exhauſted.

II. The Lands of BALCURVIE HAUGH and HAUGH-MILN, MILN-LANDS and WAUK-MILN, lying in the pariſh of Markinch. The rents and feu-duties payable by the vaſſals, amount, after all deductions, to 106l. 18s. 10d. Sterling yearly,—and are to be ſet up, the property lands at twenty-four years, and the feu duties at twenty-five years purchaſe; and the upſet-price of both amounts to 2569l. 17s. 10d. Sterling.

This lot holds of a ſubject; and there is an heritable right to the teinds.

III. The Lands of BALGRAYBANK, lying in the pariſh of Kennoway. The rents and feu-duties, after all deductions, amount to 13l. 10s. 0d. 6 12ths Sterling yearly. The property-lands are to be ſet up at twenty-four years, and the feu-duties at twenty-five years purchaſe; and the upſet-price of both amounts to 345l. 7s. 8d. Sterling.

This lot alſo hold of a ſubject.

IV. A HOUSE and YARD in Kennoway, poſſeſſed by Mr Seton; and a RUINOUS HOUSE uninhabited. The rent of the inhabited ſubject, after all deductions, is 2l. 14s. 8d; and the upſet-price thereof is 35l. 10s. 8d. And the ruinous houſe is to be ſet up at 5l. Sterling. The upſet-price of both is, 40l. 10s. 8d.

This ſubject holds of a ſubject.

The articles of roup, title-deeds, and rental, may be ſeen, by applying to Alexander Stevenſon, one of the depute-clerks of Seſſion, or James Beveridge writer in Edinburgh.

Judicial Sale of the Eſtate of CATHLAW.

To be SOLD, within the Parliament or New Seſſion Houſe of Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 15th of December 1784, between the hours of four and ſix afternoon,

THE LANDS and ESTATE of CATHLAW, lying within the pariſh of Torphichen and ſhire of Linlithgow.

The proven yearly rent of theſe lands is L. 161 19 0
And deducing the feu and tiend duties, miniſter's ſtipend, and ſchoolmaſter's ſalary, which amount to - - 2 6 10 4-12ths

There remains of free rent, L. 159 12 1 8-12ths
Which, valued at twenty-two years purchaſe, being held of a ſubject ſuperior, amounts to L. 3511 7 0 8-12ths

Which is to be the upſet-price of the lands.

There is a commodious manſion-houſe upon the eſtate, with good office-houſes, all in good repair.

The lands are moſtly incloſed with thriving hedges and ſtripes of planting. There are beſides ſeveral other thriving plantations upon the eſtate.

The title-deeds, and articles and conditions of ſale, may be ſeen in the hands of Mr John Callander, depute clerk of Seſſion; and further information will be got by applying to John Anderſon, writer to the ſignet.

SALMON FISHINGS TO LET.

THAT upon Friday the 12th of November next, betwixt the hours of 12 and one o'clock afternoon, there is to be SET by public roup, within the Court-hall Ayr, the Salmon Fiſhings, from the Bridge of Ayr downward, and in the adjacent ſeas, and that for the ſpace of ſeven or more years, as ſhall be agreed upon at the roup. And as the Salmon-fiſhing has of late been much hurt by killing of the red fiſh, when they got up the rivers to ſpawn, the proprietors of the above fiſhing are reſolved to ſpare neither pains nor expences in bringing to puniſhment whatever perſons ſhall be guilty of killing ſalmon during the forbidden time, within the waters of Ayr and Doon, and alſo in bringing to puniſhment the killers or deſtroyers of ſmolt or fry.

SALE OF LANDS.

TO be SOLD, by public voluntary roup, within the houſe of George Bean vintner in Montroſe, upon Tueſday the 5th day of January 1785,

The Town and Lands of EASTER and WESTER BALLOCHIE, and lands called MUIRTOWN, lying within the united pariſhes of Logie and Fert, and ſhire of Forfar. Theſe lands conſiſt of above 500 Scots acres, moſtly arable, divided and incloſed. There is upon the premiſſes a convenient manſion-houſe, and offices, and a well-ſtocked pigeon-houſe; alſo, two excellent farm-ſteads, all built with ſtone and lime, and ſlated. Sixty acres or thereby of the above lands are planted, and the plantations are in a thriving condition. They lie in a fine country, about two miles from Montroſe, and nearly the ſame diſtance from Brechin, which conſiderably increaſes their value.

The title-deeds are in the hands of William Leſlie writer to the ſignet, Edinburgh; and perſons inclining to purchaſe may, for further particulars, apply to James Gardyne, Eſqr of Middleton, Mr Charles Greenhill at Beauchamp, or Mr Leſlie; either of whom have powers to conclude a bargain.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS IN GALLOWAY.

TO be SOLD by public roup, by authority of the Court of Seſſion, within the Parliament or New Seſſion Houſe of Edinburgh, on Tueſday the 7th of December 1784, betwixt the hours of four and eight in the afternoon,

The LANDS and others aftermentioned, that belonged to the deceaſed David Bean of Meikle Furthhead, merchant in Dumfries, viz.

PARISH OF TROQUEER.

LOT I. The Three-merk Land of Auchenfad, and Half-merk of Whitehill, both of old extent, with the Crofts of Loihes: The Three-merk Land of Drummillan, and half-merk Land of Little Auchenfad, both of old extent, and Lands of Millhill, with the pertinents, being parts of the Twenty-merk Land of Kirkconnel as for the principal, and the remainder of the ſaid Twenty-merk Land of Kirkconnel, in real warrandice thereof, all lying in the pariſh of Troqueer, and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright.

The proven rental, after deduction of a fifth part for teind, and all other burdens, is 88l. 15s. 4d. 6-12ths, and the proven value, being 24 years purchaſe of the free rental, which is fixed by the Lords as the upſet price, is - - L. 2130 8 9

Theſe Lands all hold blench of the Crown.

PARISH OF NEW ABBEY.

LOT II. The Three-merk Land of Troſtan, with the teinds, parſonage, and vicarage of the ſame, lying within the pariſh of New Abbey, and ſtewartry foreſaid. The proven rental, after all deductions, is 26l. 7s. 3d. 3-12ths, and the proven value, being 23 years purchaſe of the free rental, is - 546 7 2 9-12ths

Theſe Lands hold feu of Stewart of Shambelly, for payment of 6l. Scots of feu-duty.

PARISH OF URR.

LOT III. The Three-merk Land of Furthhead, of old extent, and teinds thereof as for the principal, and Lands of Meikle Cocklick in ſpecial and real warrandice thereof; the Lands of Dalmonyred or Dalmonyſide, and teinds thereof; and the Lands called *Murray's-Land*, or *Nether-Yet* of the town of Urr, with the teinds and pertinents as for the principal, and the Lands of Balgreddan in real warrandice thereof.

The proven rental of Furthhead and Dalmonyſide, after all deductions, is 71l. 9s. 11d. 9-12ths, and the proven value thereof, being 24 years purchaſe, is L. 1715 19 6

The proven rental of Nether-Yet, after all deductions, is 2l. 14s. 2d. 11-12ths, and the proven value thereof, being twenty-three years purchaſe, is L. 62 7 7 1-12th.

Upſet price of this lot L. 1778 7 1 1-12th.

The Lands of Furth-head and Dalmonyſide hold blench of the Crown, and the former entitles the proprietor to a freehold-qualification in the Stewartry, in which the late Mr Bean ſtood inrolled.

The Lands of Nether-Yet, hold feu of Gordon of Kenmore, for payment of 8s. Scots of feu-duty.

HOUSES IN DUMFRIES.

LOT IV. The Fore Tenement of Houſes, and back Tenement on both ſides of the cloſe, formerly called *Mowat's Cloſe*, with the Yard at the foot of the ſaid cloſe, and Barnſtead at the foot of the ſaid yard, on which there is built a large Tenement and Offices, lying within the burgh of Dumfries, on the eaſt ſide of the ſtreet called the *Old Fleſh-market*. The proven rental thereof, free of all deductions, is 21l. 19s. 10d. and the proven value, being twelve years purchaſe of the free rental, is L. 483 16 4

Theſe ſubjects hold burgage of the town of Dumfries, and pay 2s. Scots of feu-duty.

SUBJECTS AT KIRKCUDBRIGHT.

LOT V. That Croft of Land called *Round Croft*, lying within the territory of the town of Kirkcudbright, on the weſt ſide thereof, poſſeſſed by John Stevenſon, the proven rental of which, after all deductions, is 2l. 19s. and the proven value, being twenty-three years purchaſe, is L. 44 17 0

Alſo, two Annualrents, of 40s. and 25s. effeiring to the two principal ſums of 40l. and 25l. effecting the tenement of houſes in Kirkcudbright, poſſeſſed by Hugh Clugſton, and the bear-land called the *Round Croft*, poſſeſſed by John Stevenſon, proven to be worth, L. 44 0 0

Upſet price of this lot, L. 88 17 0

Total upſet prices, L. 5027 16 4 10-12ths.

The articles of roup are to be ſeen in the office of Alexander Stevenſon, one of the Depute-Clerks of Seſſion; and any wanting further information, may apply to Hugh Corrie writer to the ſignet, the agent in the ſale, or to James Graham writer in Dumfries, the factor.

JUDICIAL SALE.
UPSET PRICE REDUCED.

TO be SOLD, by judicial ſale, before the Lord Ordinary on Bills, upon Thurſday the 25th day of November 1784, the hours of four and ſix afternoon, within the New Seſſion Houſe, Edinburgh,

All and whole the Lands of EASTER and WESTER BALGRAY and DOWIE's LANDS, now called RINDS, lying in the pariſh of Saline and county of Fife. There is a ſmall dwelling-houſe on the premiſſes, and the proprietor had begun to build extenſive offices, of which were finiſhed, and may be completed at no great expence. There is a good deal of young planting upon theſe Lands, in a thriving condition.

The proven yearly rent of the Lands, is L. [illegible]
And deducting the feu-duties, miniſter's ſtipend, and ſchoolmaſter's ſalaries, which amount to - [illegible]

There remains of free rent, - [illegible]

Which valued at 25 years purchaſe, amounts to [illegible]
And the proven value of the plantation of trees, is [illegible]

Deduct 25 years purchaſe of the public burdens, [illegible]

Remains, - [illegible]

Which is the proven value, and was the former upſet price of theſe Lands; but for the encouragement of purchaſers, the ſame are now to be ſet up at the price of L. [illegible]

As alſo, that Lodging or Dwelling-Houſe, being the third flat of that large tenement of land, on the ſouth ſide of the Croſs of Edinburgh, being the ſecond ſtory above where Balfour's coffee-houſe is kept, formerly poſſeſſed by the deceaſed Mr William Ayton of that ilk, the ſignet, and now by Mrs Sprott, at the yearly rent of 45l. proven value, at 14 years purchaſe, and former upſet price of this was 630l. but the ſame is now reduced to 610l. And likewiſe a ſhop in the head of the Old Fiſh-Market Cloſe, ſet at 31l. 3s. of yearly at the upſet price of 301.

The Dwelling-Houſe and Stable will be ſold together, or in ſeparate lots. There are two large garrets belonging to the dwelling-houſe within the ſtable there is a large cellar fitted up with catacombs.

William Paton at Rinds will ſhew the lands, and the tenants will ſhew the dwelling-houſe and the ſtable.

The progreſs of writs and title-deeds, which are clear, and the articles of roup, will be ſeen at the office of George Kirkpatrick, depute clerk of Seſſion; and information as to all further particulars, may be had by applying to Samuel Mitchelſon, jun. clerk to the ſignet.

To be SOLD or LET, and entered to as may be agreed on,

THE COAL and COAL-WORKS of HALBEATH,

the GRIEVE'S HOUSE, COAL FOLDS, and other Subjects at Halbeath and Inverkeithing, belonging to, or held in leaſe by the proprietors of Halbeath colliery.

In the year 1779, a purchaſe was made of the property of the ſeam of coal, and of the whole other ſeams of coal lying within the lands of Halbeath, or Weſter Beath, about two miles eaſt of Dunfermline, and four miles north of Inverkeithing; and ſince, a leaſe has been taken of ſome very valuable ſeams of coals lying contiguous thereto.

The lands of Weſter Beath are in extent about five hundred acres, and contain an inexhauſtible fund of coal; there are from eleven to fifteen known ſeams, lying ſo conveniently in point of level, as to render the working of them to advantage altogether certain.

The coal is of a quality inferior to none ſhipped from the firth of Forth; and the ſplint coal in particular, for warmth and cleanneſs, is thought preferable to moſt coals in Scotland for family uſe, and much ſuperior to any for light-houſes.

There is a complete well finiſhed waggon road from the coal-works to Inverkeithing, upon which the coal can be carried to the harbour at very moderate expence.

Inverkeithing Bay is known to be the ſafeſt in the frith of Forth; and the harbour of Inverkeithing has lately been put into very great repair.

The works are now in great order, and completely ready for carrying on an extenſive trade. The whole will be ſold at a fair valuation to be put upon them by two neutral perſons; and, to accommodate the purchaſer, on proper ſecurity being given, and intereſt allowed, one ninth part of the price will only be demanded at the time of the purchaſe, and one ninth part thereof at the end of every ſix months, till the whole is paid up.

If a purchaſer on theſe terms does not offer, the ſaid coal works will be let upon ſuch terms, and for ſuch a number of years as can be agreed on.

For further information, apply to Hugh Corrie writer to the ſignet, or Walter Hog accomptant in Edinburgh.

Sale of Lands in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD by auction, within John's Coffeehouſe in Edinburgh, on Wedneſday the 24th day of November next, betwixt the hours of five and ſix in the afternoon,

The following PARTS of the LANDS and ESTATE belonging to Mr THOMSON of INGLESTON, in the following LOTS, viz.

LOT I.

The Lands of OVER and NETHER TORRS of KELTON, and and five Parks of the Lands of Cauſewayend, lying in the pariſh of Kelton; and the ſix-merk Land of CORRA, lying in the pariſh of Butle. The free rent of theſe lands at preſent, after deducing public burdens, is 370l. 2s. 9d. 6-12ths.

They will be expoſed at the upſet price of 8500l. Sterling.

Theſe lands are of a moſt excellent ſoil, contain plenty of marle, and lie within 16 meaſured miles of the town of Dumfries, and 10 miles of Kirkcudbright, and upon the great military road between Dumfries and Port-Patrick.

The whole of theſe lands hold of the Crown, except Cauſewayend, which holds of a ſubject-ſuperior blench; and there is an obligation in the feu-rights to enter the heirs of ſingular ſucceſſors gratis.

The lands of Torrs alone will entitle the purchaſer to a freehold qualification in the ſtewartry.

LOT II.

The Four-merk Land of MEIKLE GLEN and GLENEND, and the Three-merk Land of LITTLE GLEN, all lying in the pariſh of Kirkmabreck.

The free yearly rent of theſe lands, after deducing public burdens, is 152l. 4s. 4d. but it is well known in the country, that they will admit of a conſiderable riſe.

There is a good houſe, of four rooms on a floor, with garden and other houſes on theſe lands.

The lands of Little Glen alone will entitle the purchaſer to a freehold qualification in the ſtewartry, in conſequence of an old retour; and the lands of Meikle Glen ſtand rated in the valuation books at 163l.

The upſet price of this lot will be 3800l. Sterling.

LOT III.

The Eight-merk Lands of WHITESIDE and CALSIDE, with the teinds thereof, lying in the pariſh of Anwith.

The preſent rent of theſe lands is 100l. Sterling, and the tenants pay the whole public burdens. They are held blench of the Crown, and are rated in the valuation-books at 150l.

This lot will be ſet up at 2000l. Sterling, being only 20 years purchaſe of the preſent rent.

LOT IV.

The Lands of FALBAE, lying in the pariſh of Kirkmabreck. The preſent free rent whereof is 24l. Sterling; and they are retoured to a merk land of old extent; and will be expoſed at 520l. Sterling.

Mr Adam Thomſon, factor upon the eſtate, will ſhow the lands.

For further particulars, perſons deſiring to purchaſe may apply to Francis and John Anderſon writer to the ſignet; and Mr David Ruſſell accountant in Edinburgh, has power to conclude a private bargain.

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